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SALARIES OF USSR PARTY OFFICIALS

For the first time since 1937, salaries of high party officials appeared in an official USSR publication, the October Monthly Bulletin of the People's Commissariat for Finance. [Finansy i Kredit SSSR, official publication of the Ministry of Finance USSR, the bulletin to which this report might be referring, did not contain the article in its October 1953 issue.]

A deputy of the Supreme Soviet receives 6,380 rubles a month, a minister, 11,075 rubles a month, and a member of the Presidium, 15,250 rubles a month. Compensation for official entertainment for a member of the Presidium varies from 6,200 - 12,500 rubles per month.

No plurality of salaries is possible. A minister who is also a deputy of the Supreme Soviet and a member of the Presidium receives only the highest salary. However, he has the right to be paid for his books, magazine articles, or lectures. Military men are not paid for the political office they may hold, except for compensation for official entertainment. Income for scholars is tax exempt, except for slight deduction from the top salaries for a sickness and old-age fund.

The salaries of the Kremlin masters seem modest compared to those of a chief engineer, writer, composer, scholar, or journalist, who receive 20,000 - 25,000 rubles a month in addition to prizes or royalties. However, the personal expenses of high officials is small. They are provided with living quarters in the Kremlin, which has a low-priced cooperative store. In addition, they are provided with a villa near Moscow and another in the Crimea and have access to the state automobiles and airplanes for their personal travels. Gifts of home furnishings, clothing, and jewelry from various firms also decrease personal expenditures.

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